GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – Forest Department – Disciplinary Action against Sri M.Lakshmana Rao, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) formerly Payakaraopeta of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division – Article of Charge issued – Inquiry Findings received – Imposition of a penalty of (two) 2% cut in Pension for two (2) years besides recovery of Govt. Loss of Rs.19,416/- Show–cause–Notice Issued– Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 62 Dated: 04-07-2016
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF. Ref. No. 4443/2007/K1, dt. 7.12.2010.
2. G.M. No. 10502/For.IV/A1/2010-3, dt. 18.10.2011.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 4443/2007/Vig-2, dt. 10.8.2015.
4. Govt., Lr. No. 10502/For.IV/A1/2010, dt. 06.05.2016.
5. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 324/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 15.06.2016.

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In the reference Ist read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri M.Lakshmana Rao, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) formerly Payakaraopeta of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division along with others, vide Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam Ref. No.1659/2007/E, dt:18-9-2007 on the following counts:

Article:

"That the said Sri M. Lakshmana Rao, working as FBO of Payakaraopeta beat of Yellamamchili Range from 09-07-2005 to till date has exhibited gross neglect of duty, shown lack of devotion duty and connived with the FSO, Payakaraopeta and committed irregularities which were pointed out by the DFO, Vigilance-III, O/o the Prl.CCF, A.P., Hyderabad during his inspection in Payakaraopeta Beat of Yellamamchili Range in maintenance of 03 Ha. Eucalyptus Plantation raised during 2005-06 in Seetharampuram VSS 15 Ha. Eucalyptus & Kanuga Plantation in Seetharampuram VSS and responsible for failure of Bamboo Plantation in Donkada Kotturu VSS. Hence, the Charge."

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 1-10-07 and not submitted his explanation within the stipulated time. The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer Visakhapatnam as Common Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer, under Rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (C.C.& A) Rules, 1991 respectively vide Proc. No. 443/2007/PXA-3, dt.15-06-2008. The Inquiry Officer has conducted the enquiry and submitted the findings concluding that the charge is proved. The expenditure of Rs.19,416/- incurred by the Charged Officer for weeding and soil working is irregular and the same has to be recovered from the Charged Officer. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer has failed to submit his further defense statement.

3. The Charged officer retired from the Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 28-2-2008. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are concluded as per Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

4. Government after examination of the Inquiry report along with connected record and remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests found that, the charge framed against the Charged Officer was held proved.

Hence it was provisionally decided to impose penalty of two (2)% cut in Pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.19,416/- from the charged officer Sri M.Lakshmana Rao, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) formerly Payakaraopeta of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division under Rule 9 of A.P.R. P.Rules, 1980.

5. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, vide ref. 3rd read above has informed that, the Charged Officer put forth no fresh/valid points in his further defense statement. Hence, the remarks submitted vide PCCF Ref. No. 4443/2007/K1, dt. 07.12.2010 hold good.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose penalty of two (2)% cut in Pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.19,416/- from the charged officer Sri M.Lakshmana Rao, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) formerly Payakaraopeta of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division under Rule 9 of A.P.R. P.Rules, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

P.V.RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No. 324/DC&C/2/2016, dt.15.06.2016).

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER